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HIGH SCHOOLS FOR WATER MEET

All Prep. Schools to Compete in Pool at Central Young Men's Christian Association.

An aquatic meet will be held at the Y. M. C. A. between the prep schools, John Marshall High School, Richmond Academy and McGuire's School, on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The list of entries for John Marshall High School follows: Twenty-yard swim (dash)—W. Hatcher, A. Coby, K. Wood, J. Baker. Twenty-yard swim (on back)—Wallerstein, A. Coby, L. Palmer, H. Baker. Forty-yard swim—K. Wood, H. Baker, W. Hatcher, A. Smith. Running dive and standing dive—A. Coby, K. Wood, J. Fuller, W. Hatcher. Plunge for distance—A. Smith, A. Coby, J. Fuller, K. Wood. Water polo—W. Hatcher, A. Smith, B. Matthews, B. Edwards, B. Heston. One hundred-yard swim—A. Smith, J. Palmer, A. Coby, J. Fuller. Candle race—W. Coggill, B. Blankenship, W. Hatcher, L. Palmer. Relay—A. Coby, L. Wallerstein, W. Hatcher, K. Wood.

ROE TAKES LEAD IN BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Lowery Wins Cash Prize by Knocking Down 201 Pins in First Game—More Experienced Men Take Alleys To-Night and Fun Begins in Earnest.

Schedule for To-Night: Alley No. 2—Anderson, Van Dien, Sheriff, Bryant, Chapin. Alley No. 3—James, Patrick, J. Cheek, C. Cheek, Brice. Alley No. 4—Dowdy, Sims, Wilson, Ford. Alley No. 5—Arrighi, Lake, Pugh, W. L. Davis, Guephard. The second installment of the first round of the Times-Dispatch Elimination Bowling Tournament was rolled last night at the Palace Alley, as was expected, enthusiasm increased, and the rooting at times was such as to cause the men to exert their very best efforts to win to please their friends as well as to make a good showing in the tournament. Lowery was the fortunate individual to carry off the cash prize of \$1. He piled up 201 pins in the first game, setting a record for those who followed. Roe, however, took away the real honors with a score of 247 in the five games, and is now leading by a goodly margin. Just fourteen men put in an appearance, and the six who remained away are now carried from further participation in the tournament. To-night the roll bowlers of the city will begin to show up. The card will improve from now on, and the gallery will naturally be larger. Scores will begin to pile up as the more experienced men start rolling the balls down the alleys.

Following are the scores made last night:

Player	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Game 4	Game 5	Total
Cupp	112	127	145	100	100	584
Ward	100	127	145	100	100	572
Roe	168	167	147	125	100	707
G. Robeson	166	153	142	120	101	782
Car	133	142	125	107	100	607
Richardson	133	146	119	100	100	598
Lowery	201	142	119	100	100	662
Turner	122	125	128	97	112	584
Ward	122	125	128	97	112	584
J. S. Barrow	131	174	133	114	100	648
Lowery	174	143	143	144	100	704
Marshall	99	95	113	144	100	551
Wallerstein	122	125	128	97	112	584
Hayes	120	127	143	100	100	590

SPORTS 6. month anniversary. The Virginia and News Leaders were the center of attraction at the Newport last night, when they opened the second round of the second half of the Richmond Bowling Association's season. The Virginia won the first game in fine style, but the most sensational play came in the second game, when Chapin, of News Leader, tallied eleven consecutive strikes for the score of 250, the best score ever recorded in a game to Richmond. By making a grand total of 96, Chapin beats the previous record, set by Kennedy, of the News. The Virginia won the series, tying the eliminations for second place. The scores:

Virginia. 2 3 Totals
Spilling (Capt.)..... 126 294 420
Williams..... 126 294 420
Hester..... 126 294 420
Martin..... 126 294 420
A. Butler..... 126 294 420
Totals..... 624 1410 2100

News Leader. 2 3 Totals
Blair (Capt.)..... 126 294 420
Bryant..... 126 294 420
Chapin..... 250 500 750
Hester..... 126 294 420
Head..... 126 294 420
Blind..... 126 294 420
Totals..... 624 1410 2100

Salter Burke Defeats Delany. New York, January 9.—Salter Burke, conceding fully ten pounds, defeated Soldier Delany, the heavyweight, in a ten-round bout in Brooklyn, to-night.



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GRAVES IS NAMED OWN SUCCESSOR

Will Serve Another Term as Member of National Steeplechase Association.

The annual meeting of the masters of the hunts in Virginia was held at the Commonwealth Club last night and James W. Graves was re-elected as the Virginia member of the hunts committee of the National Steeplechase and Hunt Associations. The following clubs were represented in person and by proxy: Deep Run, of Richmond; Riverside, of Petersburg; Loudoun, of Leesburg; Piedmont, of Upperville; Oak Ridge, of Nelson county; Warrenton, of Warrenton; Middleburg, of Middleburg; Lynchburg, of Lynchburg; Orange county, of The Plains; Castle Hill, of Gordonsville; Mr. Winston, of Middleburg; Keswick, of Keswick; Albemarle, of Charlottesville. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Graves and W. D. Young was elected chairman. Allen Potts was named as secretary. After the committee on proxies and reported that a quorum was present Mr. Graves was nominated as the Virginia member of the hunts committee and unanimously elected. After a short discussion in regard to a breeding bureau for Virginia the meeting adjourned.

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said to-night that he believed that its contents would be saved. Three streams of water were played upon the vault all day, and the freezing weather quickly coated it with ice. Although the loss of the biography of E. H. Harriman, which was about to be printed, seems irretrievable, records of the Harriman lines may be saved if their vaults on the third and fourth floors are found intact.

40,000 Books Burn. The loss to the Lawyers' Club, on the fifth and sixth floors, one of the most luxuriously furnished clubs in the city, will be irreparable. A law library of more than 40,000 volumes, many of which were priceless and cannot be replaced, was destroyed. The flames consumed also the law and insurance library of the Equitable Society, said to be the most complete collection of insurance literature in the world. Pioneer of present day skyscrapers construction in New York City, the Equitable building was begun shortly after the Civil War and extended and enlarged until in 1885 it covered almost the entire block bounded by Broadway, Cedar, Pine and Nassau Streets and stood eight stories high. Of granite exterior, the structure nevertheless was not fireproof, while, within, winding corridors and wooden partitions made almost ideal conditions for spread of flames, as to-day's fire plainly proved.

Had it not been for the fireproof construction of buildings surrounding the Equitable, there is little doubt in the opinion of Fire Commissioner Johnson that with the sixty-mile cable glowing, a great conflagration would have resulted. The adjoining buildings, however, proved effective vantage points from which to pour streams upon the burning roof.

Within a few hours structures on all sides were coated with ice frozen from the wind driven spray, and it seemed as if a crystal city stood glistening in the sun. Firemen worked with their coats smeared with ice and the engines were covered with frost. One of the most dangerous ordeals the firemen had to face was the necessity of fighting the flames amid showers of granite chips, many of them large enough to crush a man to death, which pelted the facade of the building when subjected to the intense heat on one side and icy cold on the other.

Aided by searchlights from the left Singer Building, which were trained upon the burning structure, firemen began a systematic search of the third floor to-night for the body of Battalion Chief Walsh. Masses of ice covering the debris made their work exceedingly difficult with little hope that the body could be found until the ice had been cut away.

The coming of ice, according to Fire Chief Kenyon to-night, was all that was holding the weakened walls of the structure together in some places, and as expressed the fear that as soon as this icy covering melted the remainder of the building might collapse.

Carolina Defeats Elton. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Chapel Hill, N. C., January 9.—The Carolina basketball team overcame the Elton College tonight by the score of 55 to 37. Captain Smith for Carolina was easily the star of the game.

Baltimore Gets THE CONVENTION. (Continued From First Page.)

Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Iowa, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, District of Columbia and Porto Rico—25. For St. Louis—California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Wyoming, Alaska and Hawaii—19. On the second ballot Massachusetts and South Dakota deserted Chicago, Texas left St. Louis, and New York gave up its fight, the four States going to Baltimore, making the vote for that city 29. St. Louis gained Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Nebraska from the Chicago roll, but lost Texas to Baltimore, making the total for St. Louis 22. On the second ballot Chicago receded as the vote of the State of Washington. On the first ballot four votes were cast for Denver, but that city withdrew, and the votes were changed to other cities. On motion of Mr. Wood, of Michigan, the vote for Baltimore, after the second ballot, was made unanimous.

Will Seat 12,000. Baltimore, Md., January 9.—The Democratic National Convention of 1912, which the party's national committee has awarded to Baltimore, will be held in the Fifth Regiment Armory.

Magnates of United States League



On left is J. G. Lazarous, secretary and treasurer of Richmond team. In center is President Witman, of the league. On the right is Ernest C. Landgraf, who will look after the playing end of the team. (Photo by Foster.)

Baltimore's largest auditorium. The armory is an imposing structure of granite, and architectural experts say will seat comfortably more than 12,000 persons, allowing ample space for promenades, aisles, etc. If necessary, the seating capacity can be increased to more than 20,000 persons. Experts say the acoustic properties can be made almost perfect for a hall of its size. The armory is situated in the northern part of the city, and is within easy walking distance of the Pennsylvania and Baltimore and Ohio railroad stations. It is fifteen minutes' ride by street car from the business center of the city.

ENGAGING ROOMS

Politicians Secure Quarters for Democratic National Convention. Baltimore, Md., January 9.—Within an hour after announcement was made of the selection of Baltimore as the meeting place for the next Democratic National Convention, requests for reservations of rooms at hotels began to pour in by telegraph. Representatives of Governor Woodrow Wilson, of New Jersey, and Governor Judson C. Harmon, of Ohio, engaged rooms late in the afternoon. Massachusetts and Vermont were the first States to secure reservations for their delegations. Before 4 o'clock a number of leading newspapers throughout the country had engaged rooms. Colonel John I. Martin, sergeant-at-arms of the Democratic National Committee, came here from Washington late this afternoon. To-morrow he and Chairman Norman D. Mack will inspect the "Fifth Regiment Armory, which will be financial end of the headquarters of the National Committee during the convention will be at the Emerson Hotel.

WENDOVER, NEV., TO BE SCENE OF JOHNSON-FLYNN FIGHT

Chicago, January 9.—Wendover, not far from Reno, is to be the scene of the Johnson-Flynn fight next July. Manager Jack Curley made this announcement today and until Curley spoke, it was thought Metropolis, Nev., might have a chance to get the pugilist plump.

In addition Curley says Winward was Wendover misspelled.



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FIVE BIG GAMES ON VIRGINIA SCHEDULE

Swarthmore, Johns Hopkins, Georgetown and North Carolina Will Be Played in Order Named, and Vanderbilt Contest Set for November 2.

Charlottesville, Va., January 9.—Virginia's 1912 football eleven has its work already cut out. The two-year agreement with Vanderbilt, which was approved yesterday at a meeting of the advisory board of the General Athletic Association, calls for the first game at Nashville on November 2 next, the same at Nashville to be played on the following year to be played on the following year.

While no further dates were discussed at the meeting, it is now practically assured that the four big games that were the features of last year's schedule will be retained. These are Swarthmore, Johns Hopkins, Georgetown and North Carolina. In the order named. With the closing of the date with Vanderbilt in its new more than probable that the eleven will be dropped at once. The extra trip to Nashville will be all that will be granted by the faculty, as that will make four away-from-home games.

Much satisfaction is expressed over the outlook for another game with Swarthmore, to be played at Lambeth Field early in the season. The contest last fall was intensely close and exciting, and was the real thriller of the home season. The unfortunate squabble over a decision, which really gave the game to Swarthmore, was not participated in by the players, and the best of feeling existed between the two teams. The contest was a clean one throughout and very spectacular.

The outcome of the game with Vanderbilt will be a lively topic for discussion for months to come. The past season, according to the judgment of critics, the two teams were pretty evenly matched, but the eleven cleaned victory would probably have gone to the Commodores by a close margin. The Tennessee played a consistent article of ball throughout the season, showing up with a well-balanced aggression. Certain it is that no game arranged for the South next fall will command more interest.

Pertinent Comment

By GUS MALBERT.

Lee Park will be the name of Richmond's newest home for baseball, this name being decided upon yesterday at a conference of the men who are directly interested. The day was largely spent in forming plans of incorporation, talking over prospects and arranging matters so that when the time arrives nothing will have been left to the writer. He found it was given to the Corporation Commission. A suitable corporate name had to be selected, and at the same time, conflict must not be made with other corporate bodies to which charges have been issued.

In order to definitely locate the new park and for the benefit of the hundreds of fans who are anxious to see the trip was made to the lot yesterday by the writer. He found it opposite the plant of the Richmond Forgings Corporation, on the car line leading to the Fair Grounds. It is even covered with snow, an ideal site for a ball park. Bigger than Broad Street Park, it has a gradual natural slope, which should be a great aid when the draining question is considered. It is understood that arrangements have been made with the Virginia Railway and Power Company to run all cars to the park when games are being played.

The one good feature, from the lessee's standpoint, is that a permanent lease could be obtained. On all Broad Street sites viewed the only place for a lease which was offered was one which had a clause providing that the lessee must vacate whenever the owner notified. As the United States League expects to be a permanent organization, the owners of the Richmond franchise will build a plant of its own. The new league will be playing the quality of baseball which the new league will offer. Therefore, no chances could be taken when it came to securing a park for a business plant, properly constructed means an investment of several thousand dollars.

Owner Bradley, the man who conducted the Richmond team, has already been offered, and we are going to leave it to the fans which brand they want or whether they want to buy. We are in Richmond. We will be away from here half of the time, while he will be here every Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

This idea of antagonism, or that an individual or set of individuals has by divine right the sole privilege of giving baseball in any given locality is pure nonsense. If I am in business in a city, and I have one business to enter the same line as a business in the same block, have I the right to prevent a prospective neighbor that hasn't just the way I feel about it. That is block, because I have it protected. It is poppycock. We are fighting. In fact, two entirely different qualities of baseball games will be offered, and we are going to leave it to the fans which brand they want or whether they want to buy. We are in Richmond. We will be away from here half of the time, while he will be here every Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Landgraf, during the course of conversation, mentioned that in New York certain enemies of the new league had spread the rumor that it was being organized simply for the purpose of blackballing the old-time clubs already in organized baseball. That was the basest fabrication that was ever invented. I wouldn't care to fight with my Richmond franchise for \$100, but I might as well like big talk, but it is just the way I feel about it. We would much rather have the strength underestimated than overestimated. To be held in contempt is already half a victory.

If present plans carry the United States League will begin its season about May 1. The reason for the late opening is because some of the parks may not be ready in time. Another reason is that a schedule of business have named their playing dates, for very obvious reason (not conflicting dates will be avoided in the cities in which big league games are already being played). Richmond's manager will arrive some time before April 1. Players will report base few days thereafter. Pittsburg will train at Newport News or Portsmouth, while Brooklyn

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will train here. Exhibition games between these three clubs will be arranged, so that the public can get a glimpse of the men before the season begins.

Plans for the opening games are already being formed. It is hoped to have Governor Mann throw the first ball and Mayor D. C. Richardson will be asked to make a speech. Other notable city life will also be on hand. A parade will precede the game.

It might be of interest to local fans who followed Adrian C. (Pop) Anson during his better days in the Richmond Amateur League, and signed by Washington, of the American League, may wear a Richmond Virginia League uniform next season if he doesn't quite make good in big company. It is understood that Owner Bradley has advised Steve Griffin, who has been in the league, and that plans will be made to have him returned to Richmond should Washington desire to let him out for further development. Strain, another local amateur, may also be signed by Griffin.

Some few have asked the admission price in the Virginia League. It will be held in Petersburg. Just what it is in the Virginia League.

The Virginia League meeting, to be held in Petersburg, has been the subject of just as exciting as have the previous meetings of that organization. The bill is as wide as it is long, and with no hope of a settlement. Williams seems almost bound to hold over.

DEATH SENTENCE FOR RICHESON

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his hands gripped the wooden rail before him. "Of course, we shall petition Governor Foss for commutation of the sentence," said John L. Lee, of Lynchburg, Va., when questioned as to the future of the case. He was summarily following the minister's plea and sentence. Mr. Lee said that he and Mr. Morse would present their arguments for commutation to Governor Foss and to the executive council. If the Governor submits the case to that body, the nature of these arguments nor the grounds upon which the plea for commutation will be based I cannot, of course, divulge at the present time.

AMUSEMENTS

Bijou—Hanson's "Fantasma."

Imperial Russian Dancers. The Académie Music yesterday booked the Imperial Russian Dancers for one performance on Monday night. These artists are making a transcontinental tour of America under special dispensation from Czar Nicholas, and by arrangements with the Metropolitan Opera House, of New York, where the dancers appeared in December and the early part of this month. The seat sale will be ready to-morrow.

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